

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, November 15, 2004 at 4:30 pm in the Board of Works Room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Mike Dana, Paula Woods, Leon Trachtman, Garnet Peck, Nancy Offutt and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Lee Booth, Brian Tunis and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Council member Gil Satterly was present. Absent were Council members Ann Hunt and Gerry Keen.

Mike convened the Board at 4:30 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the October 18 meeting. Paula motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Superintendent** – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Noted the revised Bicycle/Pedestrian Transportation Plan on the wall. The main purpose of revising the plan is to show the connection between the Wabash Heritage Trail and the Trolley Line Trail, with a connection up to Rose Street to Happy Hollow School. Joe will be requesting a Transportation Enhancement Grant for that project. Grant will be turned-in in January and then it goes through an evaluation process with recommendations some time late next summer or fall. The plan has been presented to and supported by the Happy Hollow Neighborhood Association, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee and the Traffic Commission.

**Assistant Superintendent** – Pennie reported on the following:

- She talked with Bob McCulloch from the Pony League, they are waiting on their Certificate of Insurance from Bundy-McNear, as soon as they have that they will turn in their agreement.
- She has been working on inventory and insurance information for the Clerk-Treasurer, which is very time consuming.
- Thanked the Board for letting her attend the NRPA Congress in Reno. Sessions were very informative and announced that the 2007 Congress will be held in Indianapolis.

**Parks** – Lee reported on the following:

- Closed parks for the winter
- Finished winterizing the pool
- Getting the rink ready for opening
- Noted the inspections were available

**Recreation** – Chris reported on the following:

- The Riverside Ice Rink's opening day will be the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26, weather permitting, the staff will be making ice this week. The City employees are welcome to join us for a preview on Monday, November 22 from 6-8 pm.
- Second grade basketball has 45 children participating. Nine parents have volunteered to coach. The program will run through November 20. Terry Ness is the coordinator of the program.
- Fifth and sixth grade basketball will also begin this week. Sixty-three boys and 36 girls have registered. Teams will practice one hour a week with games on Saturday.

**Morton Center** – Brenda reported on the following:

- The registration total for the fall session as of today is 1,639 which is a slight increase from last year's November total of 1,623.
- WALLA has finished their fall set of classes. The parking lot was full on their meeting dates. It is a relief to be able to use the library parking garage now if the lot is full.
- The Department is a partner in the Living Well After 50 group that has been meeting for several years. The group has recently been promoting Exercise Challenges. A number of the participating agencies are joining together in a partner exercise challenge. Mayor Jan Mills led a walk at Morton on Saturday, November 6, to help kick off the challenge and to celebrate America on the Move Day. The attendance was not high, but those of us there did get our exercise that morning.
- Morton was inundated with voters on Election Day. The wait at times was three hours. It was nice to see so many young faces turning out to vote.
- Morton is hosting the December Board Meeting. They look forward to seeing everyone on December 20 and refreshments will be served.
- The library has vacated rooms 100, 102 and 104. Brenda is talking with WALLA about possibly renting one of the rooms instead of room 209.

**Beautification & Stewardship** – Brian reported on the following:

- Raking and removing leaves as needed
- Replaced sod at Morton Center
- Master Naturalist Workshop completed (may have one in the spring for LNC volunteers)
- Wednesday in the Wild programs are done for the season. There will be a planning committee meeting on Friday, November 19.
- Thanks to the following groups for volunteer help: 1. Krannert Grad Students & Master Naturalist for helping the Tree Fund plant trees. 2. Kids from the Jewish Foundation for helping Tree Fund plant trees. 3. Professor Holt's forestry class for planting trees. 4. Professor Dana's horticulture class for pruning along Cumberland median.

**Old Business**

**Farmers Market Agreement**

Larry commented that he has talked with the Traffic Commission and School Board concerning the issues that Nancy had and everything is resolved. Joe commented that the agreement is based on other agreements we have for use of Cumberland Park. It was reviewed by Bob Bauman and John. Larry stated that the agreement is based on one vendor per space. Larry did provide a signed agreement for consideration by the Board with on-site representatives listed as Larry Oates, Joe Boorman, Bob Hurst and Truman Nicholson. Bob Hurst will be the Market Master. Garnet motioned to approve the agreement. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**Rental Policy**

Joe mentioned that he incorporated comments made at the last meeting concerning the Master Gardener's and the card groups. Leon motioned to approve the agreement. Paula seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **NRO Budget**

Chris presented the 2005 NRO Budget. Over the last several years salaries have been coming out of the NRO Budget, those items have depleted any reserves we would have in the NRO Funds. The Clerk-Treasurer is predicting that we will have difficulty funding the 2007 budget. She has requested that the vote be taken at next months meeting so the public can make comments on the budget. Paula has requested that we find out what teachers salaries are at McAllister Center. Mike tabled the NRO Budget.

### **West Lafayette School Board**

Nancy stated that the Board will be having three work sessions scheduled about construction. The ones on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will deal with construction plans for Happy Hollow School. On November 22 they will discuss construction plans for the band and orchestra at the High School. She distributed copies of the School's Financial Summary. The business manager has put together a Blue Ribbon Finance Committee. She also distributed copies of a press release from the Journal & Courier concerning the formula for school funding, copies of the Indiana Government Efficiency Commission report on K-12 and Executive Summary.

### **Wabash River Parkway Commission**

Paula said the next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other**

Joe will include a proposed 2005 meeting dates for the Board in next months packet.

Mike appointed Garnet and Leon to the Nomination Committee to come up with a slate of officers for the December meeting.

Brenda stated that Bach Choral will start charging groups \$25 that use their piano at Morton.

### **Purchase Orders**

Brenda presented a purchase order for carpet to do room 106, lounge, elevator and office in the amount of \$4,419 to come out of NRO Morton Improvement and the low bidder was Carpetland USA. Leon motioned to approve the purchase order as presented. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Pay Claims**

Garnet motioned that claims be paid. Leon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary